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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Budget for the Intelligence Community.

1. On 5 November 1953 Messrs. Macy and Perry, Bureau of the Budget, General Cabell, and I met with Mr. Dulles in his office. Mr. Perry stated that the Bureau of the Budget did not feel that it was doing an adequate job of screening the intelligence budget, particularly that of the Department of Defense, and that it was in need of some expert guidance as to just what constituted intelligence and how much should be spent by the various agencies for specific intelligence functions. He hoped that through the cooperation of CIA the Bureau might get such expert guidance as would enable it to evolve an intelligent picture of the various expenditures.

2. Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, and I expressed our reservations as to just how to go about such a process and whether or not it would be meaningful enough to warrant the time and effort put into it. After considerable discussion Mr. Dulles agreed to discuss the matter informally with the Intelligence Advisory Committee at its next meeting on Tuesday, 10 November 1953, and stated he would request that Mr. Macy be invited to attend the meeting of the Committee on 17 November 1953 in order that he might have the benefit of discussing the matter with the members as a group.

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